

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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SKETCHES  
OF  
LEGISLATORS  
AND  
STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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1876.

SEVENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

*Counties.*—Bexar and Comal.

REPRESENTATIVE A. L. KESSLER was born in Germany, and is thirty-eight years of age; came to Texas with his parents when only seven years old, and has grown up within

the prosperous and enlightened colony which has made New Braunfels and vicinity the garden spot of Western Texas. Mr. Kessler received a liberal and classical education, and his people, recognizing his worth, have loved to honor him. After the cruel war was over, and Texans began to look again to the avocations of peace, Mr. Kessler was full of activity in such undertakings. New Braunfels has done a great deal in the last ten years in making Texas great, and the subject of this sketch has been one of the most active men of that industrious community. He has in the mean time done some public service; was county clerk of Comal county in 1865, and served in this capacity until in 1868; was next elected to the Legislature in 1873, and served through both terms of the Fourteenth Legislature. He and the undaunted McLeary sat side by side in the Hall of Representatives, and right faithfully did they both watch and defend the interests of their constituency. Kessler, like the other gentleman just named, is a fearless debater, and has a fine command and pronunciation of the English language. He was mayor of New Braunfels for two years, and conducted its affairs with much satisfaction;

is a successful banker and farmer, living in New Braunfels, and, except when the people demand his public services, he devotes himself to his business and family. In the last canvass he was the Democratic and people's candidate, without opposition, and was elected by 4500 votes.